

RUSHVILLE CITY UTILITIES
601 W 3RD St.
Rushville, IN 46173

Minutes of the Utility Board Meeting, January 18, 2017
The Utility Board met at the Utility Business Office

Brian Bess called the meeting to order.

Board Members Present:

Brian Bess
Greg Coffin
Michael Singleton
Dale Gardner
Phil Starkey

Others present:

Les Day	Facility Manager
Gina Jenkins	Office Manager
Geoff Wesling	Utilities Attorney
Brian Connor	City Councilman

Phil Starkey motioned to approve the minutes from the December 21, 2016 meeting. Greg Coffin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

During the Superintendent's report, Phil Starkey commented that he was pleased to see that the unaccounted loss of water percentage was going down. Les Day told everyone that even though the unaccounted loss was lower at 13% in December, there were two water leaks. One was at 3rd & Julian Street, and one at 10th & Watson Street.

Gina Jenkins told the board members that she feels that there is a growing need for a phone system for customers to pay their bills. The office personnel are receiving requests from customers to pay their bills over the phone, but due to liability reasons, the office staff cannot take the information and manually input it. Gina told everyone that she will contact Ron Jarman to see if an additional phone line will have to be installed, and that she will also contact some other businesses that are already using this system.

Geoff Wesling told everyone that the situation with Stephen Schofner has been settled. Mr. Wesling had received a check from Mr. Schofner. Gina Jenkins had confirmed that she had received the check from Geoff's office and that it has been deposited in the bank.

Next on the agenda was a discussion to purchase a used SUV. Les explained that the younger employees that have been hired within the last two years are wanting to go to more seminars. The SUV would allow the employees to take one vehicle instead of several.

Les has priced a 2012 Ford Escape at \$12,900.00. The board members unanimously told Les to move forward with the purchase of this SUV.

Next, Les told everyone that he is having a difficult time finding two other companies to get quotes from to purchase a refurbished Vactruck. After a discussion, Les will continue to try and find other companies to get quotes from. The current quote is for \$119,000.00 with trade-in of the current Vactruck. Butch Singleton told Les that he should contact Bruce Davis to see if he would be interested in purchasing the current truck. Les also told everyone that the servicemen would have to have a CDL license to drive and operate the larger Vactruck. He asked the board to compensate any employee that got their CDL license. The other City employees receive \$.50 per hour. Butch Singleton asked to table the discussion until Les could get quotes from two other companies. The discussion was tabled.

Les updated everyone on Phase 3 at the Wastewater plant. Les had attended a meeting with Bowen, Donohue & Associates and the other contractors working on the project. The purpose of the meeting was to cut some of the costs of the project. Les told everyone that he felt that the meeting was very successful.

Brian Bess checked claims for the month. Brian said that everything looked okay. Butch Singleton motioned to approve claims. Greg Coffin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Les told everyone that there was a gentleman from Pike Lumber that contacted Les about some of the trees at the South Well field. The trees are older and need to be cut down. The board members recommended that Les ask other companies for bids to cut these trees down. Also, Geoff Wesling said that a title search should be done first.

Phil Starkey motioned to adjourn. Greg Coffin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at 5 p.m. at the City Utilities Business office.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.